

MEMBERSHIP

2.1 There are the following categories of membership:

Honorary Life: The Management Committee can propose candidates for Honorary Life Member to the Trustees for approval. It shall be within the power of the Trustees to grant Honorary Life Membership to an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the CBC or to the Bridge World in general. Such members have all the rights and benefits of full Membership but are not required to pay an annual subscription.

Full: Those over the age of 18 who are not attending CBC training courses are warmly encouraged to apply for membership of CBC by completing an application form and paying an annual subscription fee.

Junior: Those under the age of eighteen shall be eligible for Junior Membership of the CBC which has the same entitlement as Full Members except that they shall not be eligible for election as a Trustee nor shall they be entitled to vote at General Meetings of the CBC but may attend as observers.

Student: This is for those without prior membership to CBC. Fully paid up Year1 or Year2 Students and Students who have participated in two intensive weekend courses are warmly encouraged to apply for membership of CBC by completing an application form.

The membership fee is waived for fully paid up Year1 or Year2 Students for each full calendar year they attend a fully paid up Year1 or Year2 training course run by CBC. The training team shall inform the membership secretary of any student who does not complete a training course. Their student membership will be lapsed.

For students who have participated in two intensive weekend courses, the membership fee will be waived for the calendar year in which the application is made

During the period of free membership, the students will be classed as Student Members. Student Members shall have the same rights and responsibilities as Full Members. At the end of the free membership period Students will become Full Members of the club on payment of the annual subscription fee.

2.2 Members shall be entitled to attend all club duplicate sessions, competitions, including on-line events, social gatherings and other specified occasions, except where ineligible under the rules of a particular event (or where the member's attendance would contravene rule 11.1).

2.3 Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes and who, by applying for membership, has indicated agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members set out in the Constitution. Candidates for membership shall apply to the Management Committee on the appropriate form (online preferred).

2.3 4 The Management Committee will accept the application form and, ~~on receipt of the membership fee,~~ applicants are able to participate in any CBC club or online session. The Management Committee shall notify the applicant within 30 days of application if their application has been refused for any reason. Applicants will become ~~full~~ members of CBC after 30 days if no such notice has been given.

2.4-5 During the 30 days' notice period applicants are not eligible to vote, nor can they be counted in the quorum at the AGM. The Trustees will advise the club secretary of the names of any not eligible on the day of the AGM.

2.5 6 The Management Committee may refuse an application for membership if they consider it in the best interests of CBC to do so. In that case, the Management Committee shall give the applicant notice of refusal within 30 days of their application. The notice shall set out a date (not later than 4 weeks from the Management Committee decision) by which the Management Committee will communicate in detail the reasons for their decision to refuse. The applicant will have the opportunity to appeal against the decision. The Trustees shall give fair consideration to any such appeal, and shall inform the applicant of their decision, but any decision by the Trustees which confirms refusal of the application for membership shall be final.

2.6 7 In considering applications for membership the Management Committee shall have regard to the playing facilities available within the club itself, and may from time to time decide that the CBC shall be closed to new applications for membership for such period as it may decide. In that event, the Management Committee shall create and maintain a waiting list of accepted candidates, and shall thereafter admit Members to CBC in an order they deem to be acceptable.

2.7-8 Termination of Membership

(a) Membership of the CIO comes to an end if:

(i) The member dies; or

(ii) The member resigns their membership by giving the Management Committee written notice to that effect; or

(iii) Any sum of money owed by the member to the CIO is not paid in full within six months of its falling due; or

(iv) The charity trustees decide that it is in the best interests of the CIO that the member in question should be removed from membership, and pass a resolution to that effect; or

(v) The member is expelled from the Club under the Disciplinary Rules of the Club.

~~2.8~~ 9 A Member whose membership comes to an end shall have no right to the return of any part of their subscription.

~~2.9~~ 10 Former Members who have been expelled from CBC may apply for readmission to the Management Committee.

~~2.10~~ 11 The Management Committee shall maintain a list of the names, email addresses, telephone numbers and addresses of all Members of the CBC in accordance with GDPR (the UK General Data Protection Regulations).

~~2.11~~ 12 Membership application forms and relevant documentation will be available on the CBC website (preferred). If there is any reason why an applicant is unable to complete an online application form, they can contact the membership secretary to make other arrangements.

~~2.12~~ 13 Applicants will receive a welcoming communication, by email (preferred) or by post, if necessary, along with a copy of CBC Rules and Constitution. Applicants will be advised that they will become ~~full~~ members of CBC after 30 days unless, for any reason, the Management Committee gives notice within that time that their application has been refused. Applicants will have the opportunity to appeal against this decision. If unsuccessful, ~~their~~ any subscription fee paid will be refunded. If the applicant has no access to the internet, they must request written documents and communications from the Management Committee.

4 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

4.1 Subject to Rule 4.6, each **Full and Junior** Member of the CBC shall pay an annual subscription, which may be varied by a vote of members present at the AGM (Annual General Meeting) of the CBC. Subscriptions shall be due for payment by the first day of January in each year in respect of the year to the following end of December.

4.2 Where a membership subscription is not paid by the 31st January the Management Committee shall give written notice to that Member. This notice may either be emailed to the Member or sent to their address as recorded in the CBC Register. It shall state that their membership has lapsed.

4.3 Any Member whose subscription remains unpaid after the end of January shall be treated for all purposes as a non-member until the subscription has been paid in full. If subscription fees are not paid by the end of the calendar year in which they are due any member wishing to re-join shall be required to complete a membership application form.

14. GUESTS

14.1 Guests are welcome to play in CBC games either online or at the Club. Once a guest has played three times in CBC games, they will be invited to join the Club using the usual process. ~~or subscribe to be an online guest.~~

~~14.2 Online Guest :- After payment of a subscription fee as set by the management committee, such players shall be entitled to attend all online club duplicates, competitions, social events and other specified events, except where ineligible under the rules of a particular event. Such players shall not be entitled to attend events at the club other than as a Guest.~~